

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

FCC 17M-37

In the Matter of)	WT Docket No. 02-55
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THE STATE OF INDIANA)	TAM-12005
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and)	
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SPRINT CORPORATION)	
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ORDER

Issued: October 30, 2017

Released: October 31, 2017

The litigating parties to this hearing are the State of Indiana (Indiana) and Sprint Corporation (Sprint). The FCC will be at all conferences and hearing represented by the Enforcement Bureau.

An initial Prehearing Conference was set for November 6, 2017. *Order*, FCC 17M-36 (rel. Oct. 19, 2017). On October 24, 2017, Indiana and Sprint filed a Joint Request for Extension of Time, requesting that the Prehearing Conference be postponed until November 27, 2017. The litigating parties report that one designated issue has been resolved with regard to two old terminals that Indiana has now located and returned to Sprint. *See* Joint Request at 2; *HDO* at para. 18. The parties also represent that mediation discussions are ongoing and that “Indiana is considering making a settlement offer to Sprint.” Joint Request at 2. If the settlement offer is made and the parties agree to it, the parties estimate that it will take around two weeks to finalize a settlement agreement. *Id.* at 2-3. A settlement would be in the public interest.

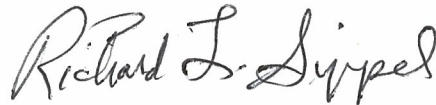
The parties’ joint request for an extension is **GRANTED**. As requested by the litigating parties, Notices of Appearance¹ are now due by November 27, 2017. Given the extremely tentative nature of the potential settlement, as well as the extensive history of this dispute, a firm date and time for the rescheduled Prehearing Conference is needed. However, the Presiding

¹ The Enforcement Bureau need not file a Notice of Appearance since the Commission will be represented in court by Bureau counsel. Although Indiana is not required to pay the hearing fee as a government entity, *see* 47 CFR § 1.1116(f), it is still required to file a Notice of Appearance under 47 CFR § 1.221(e).

Judge is unavailable on the parties' requested date of November 27. Therefore, the Prehearing Conference **IS NOW SET** for **Monday, December 4, 2017, at 11:00 AM**.

SO ORDERED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION²

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard L. Sippel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard L. Sippel
Chief Administrative Law Judge

² Courtesy copies of this Order will be sent via e-mail to the addresses provided by counsel on the date of issuance.